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Economic Affairs Interim Committee DRAFT Agenda

February 12-13, 2020

Room 137 of the State Capitol

FEBRUARY 12

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call - Notifications and Public Comment Guidelines
-- Rep. Sharon Stewart Perego, Presiding Officer
- 9:05 a.m. **A. Assigned Duties - Monitoring Agencies**
1. Introduction - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
2. a) **Department of Agriculture** - Director Ben Thomas
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
- 9:30 a.m. 3. a) **Department of Commerce** - Director Tara Rice
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
- 10:00 a.m. **B. Assigned Studies**
SJR 24: Lodging Facility Use Tax
1. a) Overview of Grant-Making Process for Dept. of Com./Local Tourism Groups
-- Pat Murdo, EAIC staff
b) Committee Questions
2. a) Overview of Industry-Specific Interests and Recommendations
-- Matt Sease, past chair, Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association
b) Committee Questions
3. a) Panel Discussion on Ways to Improve Current Process
-- Representative of Tourism Advisory Council, Katie Grice
-- Representative of Glacier Region - Racene Friede, executive director
-- Representative of Central Montana Region - Gayle Fisher, executive director
-- Representatives of Convention and Tourism Bureaus
-- John Laney, Miles City Chamber of Commerce/CVB
-- Marysue Costello, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
-- Representative of Indian Country, Heather Sobrepena (proposed)
b) Public Comment
c) Committee Questions
4. Possible Committee Action
- Noon (Lunch on Own)*
- 1:15 p.m. **C. Assigned Duties - Public Comment**
-- Public Comment on any issue not on the agenda but under EAIC purview

(More)

- 1:20 p.m. **D. Assigned Duties - Monitoring Agencies**
1. a) Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control - Becky Schlauch, Administrator
 - b) Committee Questions
 - c) Public Comment
 - d) Possible Committee Action

- 2:00 p.m. **E. Member Issues - Revisions to Alcohol Code**
1. Overview of Alcohol Laws in Selected States (and Proposed Changes)
 - a) Report from Jameson Walker, EAIC staff attorney
 - b) Committee Questions
 2. a) Update from Stakeholders' Group - Darryl James, facilitator
 - b) Committee Questions
 - 3) Work Session on Alcohol Law Changes
 - a) Proposals, Discussion of Options
 - b) Public Comment
 - c) Committee Questions
 - d) Possible Committee Action
- E. Recess for Tour of Liquor Warehouse** (individual transportation to 2517 Airport Road)

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call - Notifications and Public Comment Guidelines
-- Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Presiding Officer

- 8:05 a.m. **A. Assigned Studies**
 SJR 18: Study of Licensing of Those with Criminal Convictions
- 1 a) Review of Current Status of Occupational Licensing Board Applications
 - Todd Younkin, Business Standards Division Administrator
 - Colleen White, Department of Labor and Industry attorney
 - b) Public Comment
 - c) Committee Questions
- 8:15 a.m. 2. Panel regarding how Licensing Boards vet applicants with criminal histories
- a) Colleen White, Department attorney on behalf of all boards
 - b) -- Dr. Cathy Jenni, chair of the Board of Behavioral Health
 - c) Committee Questions
 - d) Public Comment
3. Review of Coping Mechanisms, Options Needed by Offenders Re-Entering Society
- a) -- Gayle Butler, administrator of Correctional Enterprises, Dept. of Corrections
 - b) Public Comment
 - c) Committee Questions
4. a) Overview of Past Related Legislation - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
- b) Committee Questions
 - c) Public Comment
 - d) Possible Committee Action

- 10:15 a.m. **B. Member Issues - Broadband**

- a) Review of SB 239 - Sen. Jason Ellsworth
- b) Committee Discussion of SB 239, Possible Revisions, or Other Bill Options
- c) Public Comment
- d) Possible Committee Action Regarding SB239 or Optional Committee Bill

11:00 a.m.

C. Member Issues - Presumptive Disease / Work Comp Premiums

- 1. a) Overview of Presumptive Disease Concerns
 - Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund chief legal counsel
 - Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (proposed)
 - Volunteer firefighter (proposed)
- b) Committee Questions
- c) Public Comment
- d) Possible Committee Action

11:30 a.m.

D. Assigned Duties - Rule Review

- 1. a) Information from the Dept of Labor and Industry about Prosthetics Rule
 - Eric Strauss, Employment Relations Division administrator
 - Dr. Maggie Cook-Shimanek, Medical Director, DLI, Employment Relations
- b) Public Comment
- c) Committee Action to Renew or Cancel Objection
- 2. a) Overview of current rules - Jameson Walker, Committee Staff Attorney
- b) Unfinished business regarding past rule objections - Mr. Walker
- c) Possible Committee Action

11:55 a.m.

E. Other Duties

- a) Instructions to Staff
- b) Adjourn

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